

Chapter MPSW 19

CONTINUING EDUCATION

MPSW 19.01 Continuing education requirements for license renewal.

MPSW 19.02 Approved continuing education programs.

Note: Chapter SFC 19 was renumbered ch. MPSW 19 under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 1., Stats., and corrections made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., [Register October 2002 No. 562](#).

MPSW 19.01 Continuing education requirements for license renewal. (1) Unless granted a postponement or waiver of the continuing education requirement, every licensed marriage and family therapist is required to complete at least 30 continuing education credit hours in approved continuing education programs during each 2 year licensure period. This requirement will apply for the first time to the 2 year period beginning July 1, 2003.

(2) Unless granted a postponement or waiver of the continuing education requirement, a licensee who fails to meet continuing education requirements by the renewal deadline must discontinue the use of the title "marriage and family therapist" and must cease the practice of marriage and family therapy until he or she completes the continuing education requirement.

(3) During the time between initial licensure and commencement of a full 2 year certification period, a new license holder is not required to meet continuing education requirements for the first renewal of his or her license.

(4) Applicants for licensure by reciprocity shall submit proof of completion of at least 30 continuing education hours substantially meeting the requirements of this chapter within the 2 year period prior to application.

(4m) Licensees shall have a minimum of 15 credits in approved continuing education programs and other educational activities as recognized under s. [MPSW 19.02 \(1\) to \(4\)](#) during each two-year licensure period. Four of those 15 credits shall be in the subject area of marriage and family therapy ethics and boundaries.

(5) Continuing education hours may apply only to the 2 year license period in which the credit hours are acquired, unless either of the following applies:

(a) Continuing education hours required as a consequence of a disciplinary proceeding may not be counted towards the fulfillment of generally applicable continuing education requirements.

(b) If the licensee fails to meet the continuing education requirement during a 2 year license period, any additional continuing education hours obtained on or after the renewal date to satisfy the requirement of the preceding period will not apply to the period in which they are earned.

(c) In this chapter "continuing education hour" or "CEH" means a period of continuing education consisting of not less than 50 minutes.

(6) To obtain credit for completion of continuing education programs, a marriage and family therapist shall certify on his or her application for renewal of license that he or she has completed all continuing education credits as required in this section for the previous 2 year license period. A licensee shall retain for a minimum period of 4 years, and shall make available to the board or its agent upon request, certificates of attendance issued by the program sponsor for all continuing education programs for which he or she claims credit for purposes of renewal of his or her license.

(7) A licensee may apply to the section for a postponement or waiver of the requirements of this chapter on grounds of prolonged illness, disability, or other grounds constituting extreme

hardship. The section shall consider each application individually on its merits, and the section may grant a postponement, partial waiver or total waiver as deemed appropriate in the circumstances.

(8) The section may grant an exemption from the requirements of this chapter to a licensee who certifies to the section that he or she has permanently retired and no longer uses the title "marriage and family therapist" and no longer practices marriage and family therapy. A licensee who has been granted an exemption from the requirements of this chapter based on retirement may not return to the active practice of marriage and family therapy or use the title "marriage and family therapist" without submitting evidence satisfactory to the section that he or she completed at least 30 continuing education hours for each of the biennia during which the licensee was granted an exemption.

(9) The section may conduct audits or investigations, including random audits, to determine compliance by licensees with this chapter.

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MPSW 19.02 Approved continuing education programs. The following continuing education programs and other educational activities are approved as continuing education programs under this chapter:

(1) Any continuing education program sponsored by the American association for marriage and family therapy (AAMFT).

(2) Any continuing education program approved, sponsored or authorized by the Wisconsin association for marriage and family therapy (WAMFT).

(3) Any continuing education program or course offered by a training program accredited by the commission on accreditation for marriage and family therapy education (COAMFTE).

(4) Any course or continuing education program offered by an accredited college or university that is related to the clinical practice of marriage and family therapy.

(5) Any continuing education program approved, sponsored, or co-sponsored by a presenter approved by the Committee for the Approval of Continuing Education Sponsors of the American Psychological Association.

(6) Any educational programs recognized as approved at the time of attendance as "Category I" continuing medical education programs by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association.

(7) Any educational programs recognized under s. [MPSW 8.03 \(1m\)](#) or [14.04](#).

(8) If approved or recognized by one of the entities in subs. (1) to (7), credit shall also be granted as follows for the number of CEHs specified:

(a) Formal presentations of relevant professional material at seminars, workshops, programs or institutes, which may include formal presentation and directed discussion of videotaped material: 2 CEHs per hour of continuing education for presenters, but no additional CEHs may be granted for subsequent presentations of the same material.

(b) University, college or vocational technical adult education courses, which may include formal presentation and directed discussion of videotaped instruction: 20 CEHs per semester hour or

13.2 CEHs per quarter hour for instructors, but no additional CEHs may be granted for subsequent presentations of the same material.

(c) Educational sessions at state and national conferences: 2 CEHs per hour of continuing education for presenters, but no additional CEHs may be granted for subsequent presentations of the same material.

(d) Educational telephone network (ETN) courses: 2 CEHs per hour of continuing education for presenters, but no additional CEHs may be granted for subsequent presentations of the same

material.

(e) Interactive internet courses: 2 CEHs per hour of continuing education for instructors, but no additional CEHs may be granted for subsequent presentations of the same material.

(f) Authorship of a published chapter in a textbook or professional resource book, or a professional journal article: 8 CEHs.

(g) Development of alternative media, computer software, videotapes, or audiotapes: 8 CEHs.

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